

I am a VRS interpreter and consumer of VRS services. I ask that you set the VRS rate at 6.7738 for a period of 3 years. This rate will ensure that VRS providers can continue to provide a high level of service and a commitment to outreach. This rate will also allow providers the funds needed to attract and retain qualified interpreters.

I am strongly opposed to any rate that would exclude VRS providers training costs. Initial training to work in the VRS environment is extensive and interpreters need to be paid for that training. Interpreters also need continued training so that they can continue to provide the high quality services that VRS users have come to depend on. As VRS solutions continue to grow, it is unreasonable for the FCC to think that continued training on these new solutions is not needed.